IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (**Currently Amended**) A method for preparing a graphite nanofiber, which comprises ~~a~~ supplying raw gases onto a ~~are supplied on the~~ surface of a substrate provided thereon with a catalyst layer for the growth of graphite nanofibers according to ~~the~~ a CVD technique, wherein the method ~~is characterized by~~ comprises the following steps of:

forming ~~a~~ the catalyst layer having a desired thickness directly onto the surface of the substrate; and ~~then~~

forming, on the catalyst layer ~~of the substrate~~, a ~~graphite nanofiber whose~~ deposited layer having a controlled overall thickness ~~is controlled~~ and which comprises a graphite nanofiber layer and a non-fibrous layer, wherein the substrate is a single layer structure and is one of a glass substrate or a silicon (Si) wafer.

2. (**Currently Amended**) The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a catalyst present in the catalyst layer ~~for the~~ to facilitate growth of ~~a~~ the graphite nanofiber layer ~~deposited on a substrate~~ is Fe, Co or an alloy containing at least one of these metals.

3. (**Previously Presented**) The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the raw gas is a mixed gas comprising acetylene, carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide as a carbon-supply gas and hydrogen gas.

4. (**Currently Amended**) The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 3, wherein ~~the~~ a ratio of the carbon-supply gas in the mixed raw gas ranges from 10 to 80% by volume.

5. (**Previously Presented**) The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the graphite nanofiber is prepared at a temperature ranging from 350 to 650°C.

6. (**Previously Presented**) The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the preparation of the graphite nanofiber is carried out for 1 to 60 minutes.

7. (**Currently Amended**) The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the method is carried out by forming lines ~~consisting~~ comprising ~~of the foregoing~~ a catalyst metal on the ~~catalyst layer on a~~ substrate ~~on which any graphite nanofiber cannot be formed~~ and then selectively forming graphite ~~nanofibers~~ nanofiber layers only on the catalyst metal lines ~~thus formed~~ according to the CVD method.

8. (**Cancelled**).

9. (**Withdrawn**) An emitter, which comprises a carbon film provided on the surface of an electrode substrate or a patterned portion on the surface of a patterned electrode substrate, wherein the carbon film is one comprising the graphite nanofiber prepared according to the method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 8.

10. (**Withdrawn**) A field emission display element, which comprises a cathode or an emitter prepared by providing graphite nanofibers formed according to the method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 8 on the superficial patterned portions

of a patterned electrode substrate, and a anode, which comprises a phosphor and a transparent conductive film patterned into a desired shape and which is opposed to the graphite nanofibers and positioned at a desired distance from the nanofibers, wherein it is designed in such a manner that when applying an electric voltage between a selected specific graphite nanofiber and the transparent conductive film electrons are emitted from the specific graphite nanofiber to thus flash only a specific portion on the phosphor.